

## THE BORDEN CASE.

## THE TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE ABOUT CONCLUDED.

But One More Witness to be Heard Before the Lawyers Commence the Arguments.

The Story of Police Matron Reagan as to the Conversation Between Lizzie and Emma Apparently Disproved.

Several More Washington Experts Testify as to the Unlawful Methods Pursued in Making the Alterations in the Ford's Theater Building—The Mind of the Contractor Supposed to Have Been Affected by the Terrible Disaster.

Notes.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 16.—There was less of a crowd at the Borden trial this morning than at any time since the famous case was called. A decision relative to the admission of the evidence of the Portuguese who saw the man with a bloody handkerchief manhandling a "poor Mrs. Borden" was the first thing in order.

The first witness was Sarah Hart. On the day of the murder, she testified, she passed by the Borden house with her sister at 9:30 o'clock a. m. They stopped at the north gate of the Borden grounds to talk with a nephew who was there in a carriage. They saw a young man standing in the gateway. It was not Mr. Borden. He was resting his head on his left hand, with his elbow resting on the gate. Mrs. Hart was there five minutes and the man did not change his position except to look at her. She did not see the man's face.

Charles S. Sawyer, a painter, said that he was put on guard at the Borden door on the day of the murder. Before he was put on guard he saw a man in the house. Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Russell, Lizzie Borden and Bridget Sullivan. Lizzie Borden was sitting in a chair and the others were fanning her and talking her hands. She appeared much distressed. There were no signs of blood on any part of her clothes or person. People who saw Mrs. Borden said to have been during the murder, but where Officer Medley subsequently went and said that he found no traces of Lizzie or of any one else.

John F. Manning, the Fall River reporter for the Associated Press, said that he had interviewed Police Matron Reagan as to the story she was credited with telling regarding the interview between Emma Borden and the prisoner, in which the latter accused her about giving her away.

Mrs. Mary Holmes, a close friend of Lizzie Borden's, said that she saw Mrs. Reagan and asked her about the story that she had overheard Lizzie accuse Emma Borden of having given her away. Mrs. Reagan said that it was not true, and Mrs. Holmes afterwards heard her say that she would sign a paper to that effect if the marshal were willing.

Charles K. Holmes, a Fall River banker, said that he knew that a paper was given to Mrs. Reagan to sign.

The paper was produced and read. It was essentially a denial of the story. The witness said that she read to Mrs. Reagan, and she said that she would sign it if Marshal Hilliard would permit her to do so. She went to the marshal's office, and returning, declined to sign the paper.

Reporter Colwell of New York said that Mrs. Reagan had told him that the marshal would not permit her to sign the paper.

Mrs. Mary E. Brigham of Fall River testified that Mrs. Reagan had told her about the story that she had overheard Lizzie accuse Emma Borden of having given her away.

Emma Borden denied the story in toto. She said that Mr. Borden had given Lizzie considerable property—stock in several banks, manufacturing concerns and trust companies. Mr. Borden wore a ring on his finger given him by Lizzie. The family relations between the various members of the family, including Lizzie and her stepmother, were entirely cordial. If she had testified to the contrary at the preliminary hearing it was untrue. When Mr. Borden gave Mrs. Borden the house Lizzie declined to add Mrs. Borden as a mortgagee, and called her Mrs. Borden. That was three years ago, however, and their relations had been resumed long before the murder.

The defense rested their case at 3:15 o'clock p. m.

A few witnesses were then called in rebuttal by Mr. Moody, but nothing important was elicited. One other witness will be called by the defense on Monday.

After a consultation with the counsel Justice Mason addressed the jury, telling them not to form an opinion till they had heard the whole case.

Adjourned till Monday morning.

THE FORD'S THEATER INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—In the inquest on the victims of the Ford's theater disaster today, Mr. E. W. Smith, building inspector of the district, testified that the mortar used in the alterations was bad and the brick work badly done. If he had had authority to prevent it, he would not have permitted the work to be done in the way it was, for there was too much risk. Architect Clark of the city council testified that the weight on the floor was considerably less than the safety limit.

August Davis, a builder, and an unsuccessful bidder for the electric lighting plant work, had told Captain Thorpe, chief of the supply division of the war department, that the work was dangerous. No reasonable and intelligent man would have attempted to do the work without shoring.

William Covert, superintendent of the old theater building, testified that Colonel Ainsworth had cautioned him particularly not to give any instructions to the contractor, but to go down in the cellar as often as possible, and if he saw anything, in his opinion, that was calculated to endanger the building to notify him (Ainsworth) immediately. The witness did not know whether shoring was necessary or not. As Colonel Ainsworth had observed the work himself, he did not feel free to report on it.

After James H. McGill, an architect, had testified that any man in his right senses would not have done such work as that beneath the theater without shoring the jury adjourned till tomorrow, when it is expected that the inquiry will be concluded.

Contractor Dant, who was doing the work which resulted in the collapse of the building, is in a serious condition, and it is feared that his mind has been affected by the disaster. Ever since the accident he has been a very sick man. Whenever spoken to about the calamity he trembles and cries and cries and cries.

Among the injured in the catastrophe were several of Dant's personal friends.

MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

W. Thornton Parker, M. D., recorder, Association of Acting Assistant Surgeons of the United States Army, writes:

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